

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A camera device comprising:
 - an image capture unit adapted to capture which captures an image;
 - an image data generation unit adapted to generate which generates image data corresponding to the captured image;
 - a specific information generation unit adapted to generate which generates specific information relating to the image data;
 - a recording unit adapted to record which records the image data and the specific information on a removable recording medium which is removably attachable to said camera device;
 - a reproducing unit adapted to reproduce which reproduces the image data and the specific information from the removable recording medium;
 - an embedding unit adapted to which controllably embed embeds the reproduced specific information reproduced from the removable recording medium into the reproduced image data reproduced from the removable recording medium using a digital watermarking technique; and
 - a control unit adapted to control which controls the embedding unit to embed the reproduced specific information reproduced from the removable recording medium into the reproduced image data reproduced from the removable recording medium if a first process is selected by a user, and to control controls the embedding unit not to

embed the reproduced specific information reproduced from the removable recording medium into the reproduced image data reproduced from the removable recording medium if a second process is selected by the user.

2. (Currently Amended) A camera device according to claim 1, further comprising a decompressing unit adapted to decompress which decompresses the reproduced image data reproduced from the removable recording medium, wherein the embedding unit is adapted to embed embeds the reproduced specific information reproduced from the removable recording medium into the reproduced image data decompressed by the decompressing unit.

3. to 4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a camera device, the method comprising the steps of:
capturing an image;
generating image data corresponding to the captured image;
generating specific information relating to the image data;
recording the image data and the specific information on a removable recording medium which is removably attachable to said camera device;
reproducing the image data and the specific information from the removable recording medium;

controllably embedding the reproduced specific information into the reproduced image data using a digital watermarking technique;

responsive to selection of a first process by a user, embedding the reproduced specific information reproduced from the removable recording medium into the reproduced image data reproduced from the removable recording medium; and

responsive to selection of a second process by the user, not embedding the reproduced specific information reproduced from the removable recording medium into the reproduced image data reproduced from the removable recording medium.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 5, further comprising a decompressing step of decompressing the reproduced image data reproduced from the removable recording medium,

wherein, in response to selection of the first process, the reproduced specific information reproduced from the removable recording medium is embedded into the reproduced image data decompressed in the decompressing step.

7. to 8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer-executable program for controlling a camera device, the program capable of performing the steps of:

capturing an image;

generating image data corresponding to the captured image;
generating specific information relating to the image data;
recording the image data and the specific information on a removable recording medium which is removably attachable to said camera device;
reproducing the image data and the specific information from the removable recording medium;
controllably embedding the reproduced specific information into the reproduced image data using a digital watermarking technique;
responsive to selection of a first process by a user, embedding the reproduced specific information reproduced from the removable recording medium into the reproduced image data reproduced from the recording medium; and
responsive to selection of a second process by the user, not embedding the reproduced specific information reproduced from the removable recording medium into the reproduced image data reproduced from the removable recording medium.

10. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to claim 9, wherein the program is capable of further performing a decompressing step of decompressing the reproduced image data reproduced from the removable recording medium, and wherein, in response to selection of the first process, the reproduced specific information reproduced from the removable recording medium is embedded into the reproduced image data decompressed in the decompressing step.

11. to 15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A camera device according to claim 1, further comprising an outputting unit adapted to output which outputs the image data into which the specific information is embedded to an external destination device if the first process is selected by a user, and to output outputs the image data into which the specific information is not embedded to the external destination device if the second process is selected by the user.

17. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 5, further comprising an outputting step, wherein said outputting step outputs the steps of: outputting the image data into which the specific information is embedded to an external destination device if the first process is selected by a user, and outputs user; and outputting the image data[[,]] into which the specific information is not embedded to the external destination device if the second process is selected by the user.

18. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to claim 9, wherein the program is capable of further performing an outputting step, wherein said outputting step outputs the steps of:

outputting the image data into which the specific information is embedded to an external destination device if the first process is selected by a user, and outputs user, and

outputting the image data into which the specific information is not embedded to the external destination device if the second process is selected by the user.

19. to 21. (Canceled)